The use of a cell phone aboard an aircraft in flight during an emergency situation is absolutely sensible in most cases. The use cell phones during routine flight situations will, in my opinion, lead to non-stop jabbering and an associated noise level that will interfere with and/or prevent work, pleasure activities such as reading, and sleep. In a restaurant one can move away from a loud mouth on a cell phone. It is not quite so easy in a crowded airplane. I think that unrestricted cell phone use on aircraft is a terrible idea.